Governments to modernise their police forces. However, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, financial assistance is provided by the Central Government under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 118.91 lakhs has already been released to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for this purpose and the release of further amount can be considered, if the State Government provides the utilisation details of the funds released for this purpose in the previous year.

Virginity Test of a Newly-wed woman

†2212. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a newly-wed woman was made to under go virginity test in a very shameful manner by the police in Rewa district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the law of the country allows police to force a woman to go through virginity test;

(c) if not, what action has been taken against mental and social oppression of newly-wed woman and such type of humiliation of woman folk; and

(d) what concrete measures are being taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Menace of Computer Crimes

2213. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the darker side of the computer revolution is that Computer applications are targets for theft, fraud, vandalism, espionage and so on;

(b) whether it is a fact that computer crimes would pose a serious problem for enforcement agencies in our country; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken by Government to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

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